

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROSECUTION
ART UNIT 1617**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Julie Straub, Howard Bernstein, Donald E. Checkering, III, Sarwat Khattak,
and Greg Randall

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 15, 2003, please amend the application as follows. Submitted with this Response is a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the period for response one month, to and including February 15, 2004, and a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 by Julie Straub and Howard Bernstein. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$55.00, the fee for a small entity for a one-month extension of time, to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.

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It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should an additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1868.